

## REFLETS DANS L'EAU: FONTAINEBLEAU

Enlarged and restored by men of taste  
In no awe of symmetry  
This palace climbs from a terrace  
With a statue in a fountain.  
Around the foursquare shaft from which  
Medusas rig steady water  
Discs dazzle green slime where coins lie  
And duller discs show where coins lay.  
With that vain stillness of Roman  
Copies of Greek originals  
Freedom wears the Phrygian cap and hurls  
The discus across the lake.

Across the lake colonnades and stairs  
Realize a figured bass  
To chimneys and eaves: all recommend  
Themselves to ears of the eye.  
When the lark sights sunlight he carols.  
Carp wrestle in boils for bread.  
A dappled percheron carts to plant  
About wild boxwood: flowers.  
The moles sniffle blackness and hark  
Under rich lawns which offer up  
Their reiterated prayer: Prière  
De ne pas MARCHER sur les PELOUSES.

*Michael Lebeck*